

## **Faith Promise FAQ's**

**Q - What is Faith Promise for Missions?** A - Faith Promise is a covenant that individuals and families make with God to give, as God provides, a certain sum of money to the missions outreach of our church over a 12-month period of time. It is giving by faith a sum – above and beyond your regular giving – that is committed on an annual basis, received over the period of the following year, and used to support our mission partners and projects.

**Q - What is the difference between Faith Promise for Missions and my pledge to the Church?** A – Your pledge to the church or your tithe is based on your known income. We believe scripture tells us to give a tithe (10%) of our known income to support the ministry of the church. Faith Promise is based on trusting God to provide an amount, above and beyond your tithe, to the missions efforts of Huntsville First.

**Q- Where might Faith Promise for Missions funds come from?** A- There are many ways God may decide to provide funds through you. We don't want to limit God, but a few ideas may include: Reordering priorities, Innovative Ideas, Sacrificial Giving, and Unexpected Income.

**Q- How do I give to Faith Promise for Missions?** A -Write your check to Huntsville First and put "Faith Promise" and your offering envelope number in the comment section. It is important to designate your gift this way to ensure that funds go to the Faith Promise fund.

**Q - Is Faith Promise for Missions giving Scriptural?** Yes, for example, read the examples of Faith Promise giving in the story of Hannah in 1 Samuel 1 and the Macedonian Christians in 2 Corinthians 8 for Biblical examples of faith promise giving.

**Q – What is "planned carryover" in the Faith Promise for Missions budget?** A-We leave a percentage of the Faith Promise budgeted amount unspent in order to ensure we can keep our commitments to our mission partners. In the 2013/2014 Faith Promise budget year, the planned carryover is 10%.

**Q – How much of what is pledged for Faith Promise for Missions is actually budgeted?** A-We budgeted 65% of Faith Promise pledges in the 2012/2013 year and we budgeted 80% in the 2013/2014 year. We will continue to adjust this number as we have more years of experience in Faith Promise giving at Huntsville First.

**Q - Is Faith Promise for Missions the sole source of missions funding at HFUMC?** A – No, Faith Promise is the primary source of funding to support our mission partners but not the only source. Conference askings, Missions event support, and Youth missions support are examples of missions support in the General Budget of the Church.